



**Technical Assistance Grant Available
for St. Maries Creosote Site**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has received a "Letter of Intent" from Timber Plus to apply for a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) for the St. Maries Creosote Site. The St. Maries Creosote Coalition submitted a Letter of Intent in August 2002. However, that group is not eligible because it is not incorporated as a non-profit organization. Timber Plus is a non-profit organization and has the same members as the St. Maries Creosote Coalition.

A TAG provides money to community groups so they can hire independent advisors to interpret and explain technical aspects of site reports, decisions, and operations generated during a site cleanup.

By law, EPA may award only one TAG per site. To ensure that all community groups are represented, EPA encourages any other interested groups to consolidate with Timber Plus and submit a joint application. Interested groups should contact:

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Panhandle Area Council
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The Panhandle Area Council is working with Timber Plus on the TAG process. Groups have until **February 28, 2003** to join together, or submit their own "Letter of Intent." Groups then have until **March 31, 2003** to submit full applications for the TAG.

Letters of intent, grant applications, and questions should be directed to:

**Debra Sherbina, Community Involvement Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Sixth Avenue ECO-081, Seattle, WA 98101
206-553-0247 or 1-800-424-4372 ext. 0247**

For more information about TAGs, check EPA's website:

<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/tools/tag/index.htm>